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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

FROM : Walter Elder
Secretary

SUBJECT : Status of DCID's

1. Action Requested: That you consider the attached response to your questions about the DCID's as a basis for revising the existing DCID structure.

2. Background: Because the DCID's have a more than 30-year history and have become intertwined with other directives (NSCID's, Executive Orders), the attached analysis may seem somewhat complex.

The essential points, which respond to your questions, are:

- a. The existing DCID's are out of date.
- b. EO 12036 and organizational changes (the D/DCI structure) have made major impacts.
- c. The need for NSCID's may have been abolished.
- d. Realignment of the DCID's should start at the top and remain under top-level direction.
- e. A DCID series should help the DCI direct Community activities.

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